

## AMENDMENT

IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/998,613  
Confirmation No. : 4910  
Inventor(s) : Davies et al., et al.

I, Perry Hoffman, hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted electronically to the Commissioner for Patents, ATTN: Examiner Alam, Shahid Al, on the date indicated below.

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CHAIN

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Examiner : Alam, Shahid Al

Docket No. : 21-019 ITW 20557

**REPLY WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR RULE 1.111 AND REQUEST TO  
REOPEN PROSECUTION TO REPLY TO EXAMINER**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the instant Reply which includes and constitutes a request to reopen prosecution, the instant amendment under CFR Rule 1.111 herewith is provided to reopen prosecution in reply to the Examiner. Please enter the following Amendments and Remarks in the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the application as follows: